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1. Agricultural Missions

Special, 2004

Introduction

Agricultural Missions, Inc. (AMI) is an independent ecumenical organization active in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and North America. It seeks to educate rural people in addressing the structural causes of poverty and injustice in their communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AMI's programmatic work includes educating people on issues such as: rural sustainability; gender; development; culture; technology; social and racial justice; legal assistance; capacity restoration; and recovery.

Significant changes in the organization

AMI elected a new Executive Director in 2015.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Majority of AMI's contribution to the work of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) has been through active engagement in numerous commissions under the purview of development including the Financing for Development (FFD) and the post-2015 development agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AMI participated in numerous ECOSOC meetings including the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and high level meetings on the Post 2015 development process. AMI also attended the 56th, 57th, 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) facilitating the participation of partners and addressing financing for gender equality and violence against women. It also participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 20 to 22 June 2012 and co-hosted an official side event together with the Feminist Task Force on the Women's Tribunals on Gender and Poverty. Additionally, AMI attended regular meetings on climate change, including the Conference on Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change convened in Peru and France, 2014 and 2015 respectively.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AMI has collaborated with United Nations Women (UN-Women) during sessions of the Commissions on the Status of Women, and the Women's Forum on Financing for Development convened in the margins of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development organized in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in July 2015. AMI also worked together with the United Nations Millennium Campaign and the Policy and Strategy Group on the creation and development of the "World We Want" global platform.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AMI participated in the follow-up process of the Rio+20 conference launching a process to develop the post 2015 development agenda building on the gains made on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). AMI and its partners participated in educational campaigns to achieve MDGs in various countries in Latin America.

2. Family Action Foundation

Special, 2004

Introduction

Based in Spain, Family Action Foundation/Accion Familiar's (AF) mission is to help strengthen and promote the crucial role played by the institution of family in social and personal welfare.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AF undertakes its mission by: offering services to help the family fulfil its functions; conducting applied research to understand and cater to the needs of families; and providing educational support and training for better application of positive parenting.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through its projects, AF evaluates the impact of family policies in the education, social, protection spheres of society and offers new alternatives.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the reporting period, AF advanced supported the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by:

- Delivering 642 training courses to over 18,000 people and developing new training materials, including the launch of a virtual training room for parents and educators;

- Coordinating activities of 150 volunteers in services such as supervising youth centres and furnishing residential care to the elderly benefitting over 240 individuals;
- Providing psychosocial counselling and legal support to over 2,000 families; and
- Conducting research, studies and technical assessments and publishing scholarly articles including 3 books and 10 documents.

3. Federación de Mujeres Progresistas

Special, 2012

Introduction

Federación de Mujeres Progresistas (FMP) is a non-profit and secular NGO founded in 1987. It comprises of diverse international, national, autonomous, provincial and municipal women's associations with an extensive network of approximately 23,000 people.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the FMP is to promote social, economic and cultural changes in order to achieve gender equality between women and men through political feminist advocacy and empowerment while embodying the ideals of active participation, leadership and multiculturalism.

Significant changes in the organization

This organization has recently expanded its network by including new members and increasing collaboration with third sector organizations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FMP contributes to the work of the United Nations by: contributing to the elimination of violence against women; protecting sexual and reproductive rights; promoting active employment policies according to human rights; and prosecuting offenses that threaten moral and physical freedom of vast numbers of women. Moreover, it focuses efforts on promoting gender equality and women's autonomy, defending women's rights in social and professional settings and delivering training to eradicate gender inequities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FMP attended the 54th, 57th, 58th, 59th and 60th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and has been instrumental in discussing concrete actions to address equality.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FMP prioritizes the need to prevent and eradicate all forms of gender-based violence through public awareness. It has contributed to gender and women's empowerment by designing legal reforms and implementing concrete actions through 15 programmes and intensive consultations in this area.

4. Federación Española de Mujeres Directivas, Ejecutivas, Profesionales y Empresarias

Special, 2012

Introduction

Federación Española de Mujeres Directivas Ejecutivas Profesionales y Empresarias (FEDEPE) is a non-profit association bringing together women executives, entrepreneurs and professionals in Spain.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FEDEPE's mission is to empower and defend values of women in leadership and decision-making roles. It further seeks equal distribution between men and women in a society in which women remain underrepresented despite their qualifications, capabilities and willingness to serve in positions of authority.

Significant changes in the organization

FEDEPE has increased its presence in international and European forums and has fostered cooperation with public and private entities. With over 15 new collaboration agreements, it has increased its presence in the media and enhanced visibility on issues addressing women. It has also joined the Women Entrepreneurship Platform which promotes female entrepreneurship in the European Union countries.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FEDEPE has contributed through projects including "Evoluciona" and "Mprende+21" seeking to provide techniques to women to improve their professional performance and entrepreneurial skills. It also led an equality and conciliation project to increase the commitment of companies to respect equality measures.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FEDEPE has extensively participated in events organized by the United Nations including the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) where it served as panel member on discussions addressing gender equality and good practices. It provided a written statement to the High-level Segment of United Nations Economic and Social (ECOSOC) convened in New York from 6 to10 July 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

It signed a Memorandum of Understanding with United Nations Women (UN-Women) which also sponsored FEDEPE awards designed to publicly applaud the career and professional life of women executives and professionals who have been instrumental in promoting the role of women. In the margins of the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) it further collaborated with UN-Women to convene a side event on women's economic empowerment leadership held in New York on 12 March 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FEDEPE deems that female leadership in the economy is vital to building a environment conducive of sustainable growth. To this end, it has implemented programmes to support women to become influential members in the society. It has also advocated with governments, companies and individuals to actively promote gender equality.

5. Federación Estatal de Lesbianas, Gays, Transexuales y Bisexuales

Special, 2008

Introduction

Federacion Estatal de Lesbianas, Gays, Transexuales y Bisexuales (FELGTB is a platform enabling coordination and exchange of over 50 associations to promote equality and social respect for sexual diversity and awareness.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FELGTB's programmes target various themes that promote social equality including: HIV prevention; gender equality; rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) youth and families; employment counselling; promoting sexual diversity in schools; and advocacy with government officials.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FELGTB has annually convened an educational meeting on the rights of the LGBT community gathering over 100 people and activists from all over the world. It has also collaborated with the International Lesbian and Gay Association to lobby for the rights of LGBT individuals within the European Union. It coordinates the Education Network talks on sexual diversity in schools and appeals to the government, political parties, unions and social organizations for the inclusion of measures to equality relating to change of name and sex of transsexuals, the law of equal treatment or modification and same-sex marriage.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As a feminist organization, FELGTB actively promotes gender equality and empowerment of women. It contributed to structural HIV/AIDS prevention efforts, organized conferences on international cooperation and initiated projects to increase acceptance and strengthen human rights protection of LGBT values.

6. Federatie van Nederlandse Verenigingen tot Integratie Van Homoseksualiteit — COC Nederland

Special, 2008

Introduction

Established in 1946, Federatie van Nederlandse Verenigingen tot Integratie Van Homoseksualiteit — COC Nederland (COC Nederland) was founded by former members of the resistance during World War II. As one of the largest Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) organizations in the world, it has been instrumental in generating social and legal changes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its main goal is to prevent people from societal discrimination based on their sexual orientation or identity and to strive for a world where LGBT people have equal rights, are respected and can participate equally in society irrespective of their sexual preference.

Significant changes in the organization

COC Nederland amended its statutes and now officially recognizes transgender people.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

COC Nederland has contributed to the work of the United Nations by regularly providing inputs to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in relation to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) for Cambodia, China, Costa Rica, Ireland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Moldovia, Mongolia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Panama, Philippines, Romania, Serbia, Swaziland and Ukraine.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It has participated in a wide range of sessions and meetings held by the United Nations including the following: 52nd, 53rd, 57th, 59th, 60th and 62nd sessions of

the Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW); 52nd, 54th and 55th Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR); 62nd, 65th, 66th and 69th sessions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC); and 56th, 57th 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Since 2011, COC Nederland is collaborating on a new project entitled "Bridging the Gaps," seeking to improve human rights and curb the spread of HIV/AIDS with partners in Botswana, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Zimbabwe.

7. Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity for Agricultural Revampment and Human Rights

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity for Agricultural Revampment and Human Rights, (FEEDAR&HR) is a non-profit and apolitical NGO comprised of 60 percent female representatives. Based in Cameroon, it is also represented in Nigeria, Ghana, Nairobi, India and Germany.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization seeks to: end poverty and suffering; promote agriculture and enhance food security; protect forests and biodiversity; curb pollution resulting from fires; advocate for reproductive human rights; and promote education, democracy and human rights reforms.

Significant changes in the organization

Between 2012 and 2014, it served as the focal point organization for the Global Environment Facility Civil Society Network in the Central African Region and is currently coordinating the Coalition of Civil Society organizations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FEEDAR&HR has actively contributed to the post-2015 Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. It also provided inputs to the report on the Central African Region prepared by United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service and contributed to online webinars.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FEEDAR&HR participated in numerous meetings organized by the United Nations to include the Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations conventions against Transnational Organized Crime in Vienna, Austria in 2012. In 2013, it attended the first session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Bonn, Germany and the United Nations Forum on Forests convened in Istanbul, Turkey.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FEEDAR&HR is accredited with several bodies of the United Nations including the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Intellectually Property Organization (UNIPO), United Nations Office on Drugs (UNODC) and the Department of Public Information (DPI) within the United Nations Secretariat. It is also currently co-chair of the Farmers Major Group of UNEP.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has developed significant projects to support: sustainable land and forest management; agricultural and food security; biodiversity conservation; drug and crime prevention; good governance; democracy; green economy initiatives; and sustainable rural development. It also regularly observes United Nations' days including World Biodiversity Day, World Environment Day, World Day to Combat Desertification and World Food Day.

8. Femmes Solidaires

Special: 2004

Introduction

Femmes Solidaires (FS) is a secular and inter-African feminist association active in the popular education movement. Based in France, it has been deeply engaged in international issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to discourage, and raise community awareness of, violence against women, in particular sexual violence, sexism, racism, homophobia and discrimination. To that end, it is committed to improving access to health care, as well as decent work and housing. It also works to deconstruct stereotypes in schools and working-class neighbourhoods by developing pedagogical tools to promote universal women's rights and target oppressive practices such as excision.

Significant changes in the organization

In January 2013, it co-founded Réseau international féministe et laïque with other international associations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FS developed a "godmothers" programme in Ethiopia by partnering with a local association and it produced a documentary on education. In 2015, it opened a boarding school in the same region to help girls stay in school.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FS follows the work of the Human Rights Council and participated in the nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third sessions of the Council in Geneva, Switzerland. It also participated in sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2013 and 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

To pursue its projects, it has collaborated with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FS has contributed to the Millennium Development Goals through the following initiatives: implementation of the "godmothers" programme to enable families to send their girls to school; launching of development activities, including an anti-poverty campaign; and elimination of stereotypes, and mainstreaming of gender equality and the elimination of discrimination against women in all areas.

9. Fondation des oeuvres pour la solidarité et le bien-être social

Special: 2012

Introduction

Fondation des oeuvres pour la solidarité et le bien-être Social (FOSBES) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that aims to promote individual and community well-being and improve the livelihoods of vulnerable communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main tasks of the organization are to create bonds of solidarity between people through exchanges and mutual assistance; to promote the social reintegration of vulnerable persons through mentoring; to combat HIV/AIDS through voluntary testing; to advocate for the equilibrium of the planet through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; to promote respect for human rights through awareness-raising; and to promote economic justice and hold leaders accountable through citizen review.

Significant changes in the organization

In collaboration with other national NGOs, FOSBES created a coalition called Consortium d'appui pour la recherche des solutions aux initiatives de développement (CARSID).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FOSBES has contributed to the work of the Economic and Social Council by implementing the United Nations development agenda, in particular by fighting climate change. In particular, FOSBES collected data on what communities really needed in order to fight climate change, leading to the development of a project to distribute improved cooking stoves to households and the reforestation of 25 hectares of land.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FOSBES has participated in a number of meetings organized by the United Nations, including the third session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons, held in August 2012; the tenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, held in April 2013; the seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities held in June 2014; and the twenty-first session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group, held in January 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FOSBES contributed to the repatriation of 725 persons in four provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Moreover, it raised awareness of HIV/AIDS, sexual violence and human rights among 453 women. In conjunction with a local NGO, it organized awareness-raising sessions on fistula and the cause of masculine and feminine sterility.

10. Fondation pour l'étude des relations internationales et du développement

Special, 2012

Introduction

Fondation pour l'étude des relations internationales et du développement (FERID) is an institution of research and higher education that offers post-graduate study programmes, executive education and a platform for debate in the field of international relations and development studies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization seeks to provide independent and rigorous analysis of major contemporary global issues with a view to promoting international cooperation and making an academic contribution to the progress of less-developed societies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FERID continued its active engagement with the United Nations in support of the post-2015 development agenda through research, outreach, training and capacity building. It is also a member of the Habitat University Network Initiative. The institute's Global Health Centre was designated as a "World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre" and its director was appointed as member of the Ebola Interim Assessment Panel.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FERID participated in over 30 intergovernmental fora and ensures annual attendance in the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization's (WHO) Regional Office for Europe. In September 2015, it attended high level events of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and organized an expert meeting in May 2015 with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in persons. Moreover, it partook in the High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in 2013 and provided inputs to the Swiss delegation during the 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held in 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Cooperation between FERID's centres and programmes and the United Nations has been extensive. This includes, inter alia, partnering with WHO to develop an online executive course on global health diplomacy, jointly published with the International Labour Office (ILO) a publication on employment in fragile settings, as well as collaborating with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) on a joint training course for peacebuilding and conflict analysis tools. Along with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), it co-sponsored the annual Biodiversity and Economics for Conservation (BIOECON) academic conferences held in Cambridge, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Additionally, it signed a Memoranda of Understanding with the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

This organization did not focus on specific fulfilment of the MDGs but rather on supporting the sustainable development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

11. Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Foundation Don Carlo Gnocchi — Onlus (FDDG) is accredited with the Italian National Health Service and provides services in high-quality healthcare, rehabilitation, social welfare and therapeutic services in Italy and abroad.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FDDG aims to offer assistance, health protection, treatment and functional, social and moral rehabilitation services to disadvantaged individuals with physical, mental or sensory disabilities regardless of age, gender and conditions. It has expanded its field of intervention and caters to individuals suffering from acquired or congenital pathologies and patients of all ages in need of neurological, rehabilitative, orthopaedic, cardiac and respiratory assistance.

Significant changes in the organization

In July 2015 it appointed a new Director and adopted new guidelines defining its mission, vision, context, stakeholders, objectives, finances and organigram for 2016 and beyond.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Following Italy's ratification of the United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (UNCRPD) in 2009, a National Observatory on the condition of persons with disabilities was established. DGGF is a member of this observatory and implements disability-related projects while promoting the implementation of the UNCRPD together with the Inter-ministerial Committee on Human Rights. Moreover, FDDG is a member of the working group on "Italian Development Cooperation Disability Action Plan" administered by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It also monitored the implementation of the UNCRPD by collaborating with national monitoring systems and ensuring that community-based rehabilitation (CBR) projects increasingly adopt human rights sensitive considerations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FDDP participated in the 53rd Session of the United Nations Commission for Social Development. It also attended the Development Cooperation Forum on 18 November 2015 in Rome, Italy where it interacted with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FDDP closely collaborated with the World Health Organization (WHO) in organizing the "Seminar on improving access to assistive technology" along with the European Assistive Technology Information Network which addressed data collection processes held in Milan, Italy from 27 to 29 April 2015. It is also committed to fostering international inclusive development and frequently collaborates with DESA.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to disability inclusive Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by empowering disabled people's organizations through team and capacity building, advocacy, training and support to management and operations. It also disseminated publications on diversity in the labour market in Tunisia, guidelines on care to children with neurological conditions in Rwanda and a calendar highlighting disability-related events in Bolivia.

12. Food and Water Watch

Special, 2012

Introduction

Food & Water Watch (FWW) champions healthy food and clean water by advocating to corporations for a democracy that improves people's lives and protects the environment.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FWW seeks to create a healthy future for generations to come — a world where people have the resources they need, including wholesome food, clean water and sustainable energy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FWW has contributed to the work of the United Nations by participating in various preparatory sessions of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Energy for All events and by regularly organizing side events in their margins.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In May 2013, it presented remarks at the Open Working Group (OWG) on the SDGs on the rights to water and sanitation and provided an oral statement to the 23rd Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) on toxic pollutants. In November 2013, it co-organized the first-ever event at the United Nations focused on hydraulic

fracturing in the framework of the 5th Session of the OWG on the SDGs. It also participated in various thematic debates on sustainable development, climate change and sustainable energy events including the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) held in Brazil and the Conference on Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change convened in Paris in December 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation has been specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FWW contributed to the MDGs by driving initiatives to ensure environmental sustainability, in particular, achieving universal access to clean water.

13. Forest Stewardship Council

Special, 2012

Introduction

Forest Stewardship Council AC (FSC) is a global non-profit NGO focusing on environmental, social and economic issues. Based in Mexico, it has operational headquarters in Germany and operates in some 40 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FSC's mission is to promote the environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable management of the world's forests. It provides standards for companies, organizations and communities to apply responsible forestry.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FSC contributes to the work of the United Nations by implementing various projects that promote environmental sustainability. This includes supporting frameworks such as the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the United Nations Framework on Convention on Climate Change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through initiatives to promote sustainable forest management, production and consumption.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, FSC has actively engaged in discussions related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including attending intergovernmental discussions, open working groups and publishing articles on plantations, bio-energy

and timber legality. In October 2015, it attended the Inter-agency Advisory Expert Group on SDG indicators convened by the United Nations Statistical Commission. It also attended the 14th United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and organized a side event in its margins. Furthermore, in conjunction with the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), it took part in the meetings of the Committee on Forestry in June 2012 and June 2014 as well as a meeting of the World Forest Congress in September 2015. Moreover, it participated in the Joint Session of the 73rd Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the 38th European Forestry Commission (EFC) in Engelberg, Switzerland convened from 2 to 6 November 2015 and presented initiatives on biodiversity. It also took part in the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) General Council discussions on illegal wildlife trade.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FSC has partnered with UNEP's Sustainable Public Procurement Programme as a member of its Multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee and engaged in discussions over biodiversity indicators. From November 2014 to September 2015, it collaborated with FAO as part of its ad-hoc expert group on criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

14. Foundation ECPAT International

Introduction

Foundation ECPAT International (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking in Children for Sexual Purposes; ECPAT) is a global network of organisations dedicated to preventing the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ECPAT has been instrumental in supporting concrete programmes to include direct services for children victims, legal advocacy, collaboration with law enforcement and strengthening community protection structures.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ECPAT developed a comprehensive set of terminology guidelines that seeks to define manifestations of child sexual exploitation and is engaged in interagency working groups composed of experts from United Nations' agencies, law enforcement and civil society organizations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In addition to providing written and oral submissions to the 25th and 28th Human Rights Council (HRC) sessions, ECPAT has extensively contributed to Universal Periodic Reviews and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. It attended the meeting on sexual exploitation of children organized by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Regional Office for East Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand convened from 25 to 27 June 2013. In June 2015, it attended the High-Level meeting in France on protection of children from sexual violence hosted by the Office of the Special Representative (SRSG) to the Secretary-General on Violence against Children.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

This organization has collaborated on various fronts with United Nations bodies. In May 2012, it contributed to the "South Asia Follow Up Regional Consultation on the United Nations Study on Violence against Children" in consultation with the Office of the SRSG on Violence against Children. Since 2015, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia and ECPAT co-chaired the South Asian Coordination Group (SACG). In August 2015, it ventured into a research project in collaboration with the UNICEF Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, in gathering evidence regarding the use of Internet and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in the sexual exploitation of children in Latin America.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ECPAT has been extremely active in advancing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through a multitude of initiatives. This includes producing a thematic paper on child protection, and advocacy with key stakeholders including UNICEF and African Union to place sexual exploitation high on the political agenda towards ending violence against children in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

15. Foundation for Global Sports Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

Foundation for Global Sports Development (FGSD) supports programs that promote sportsmanship, education, fair play and ethics among the world's youth.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FGSD implements programmes that: (i) develop a child's personality, mental and physical talents and abilities; (ii) develop respect for the child's parents, cultural identity, language and values; (iii) develop respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; and (iv) prepare for a responsible life in the spirit of understanding, peace, tolerance and equality.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FGSD engages educators and youth on fair play and clean competition through its Culture, Education, Sport and Ethics Program (CESEP) alongside the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the United Nations. It partners with and provides financial assistance to organizations using sport to promote healthy lifestyles, education and social inclusion. Examples of these collaborations include partnerships with: the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) to educate and raise awareness on the benefits and development of parasport; and with the German government and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on the Munich Memorial Project.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended several conferences organized by the IOC related to using sport as a tool for human development and peace promotion. It also attended the 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2013, FGSD provided financial assistance to the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) for the 3rd International Forum on Sport for Peace and Development jointly organized by the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FGSD contributed to the MDGs by supporting various programs designed to end poverty, empower women, combat hunger and malnutrition, provide access to clean drinking water, eliminate infectious diseases and promote sustainable community development initiatives. This includes promoting gender equality in communities of Rwanda through its "Let's Play Fair" program hosted by Kids Play International. FGSD also supported the International Hockey Federation's "Targeted Assistance Programs" in Ghana, Pakistan, Turkey, Vanuatu and Zambia bringing health services to youth, increasing education and sports opportunities for young women, and enhancing organizational structures in these countries. It supported the Chilean Olympians Association and the Curacautin Children's Athletics Project to educate 250 youth between the ages of 10 and 18 about sport, healthy diet, health benefits of exercise and the risks of drug abuse. Several new programs have been added including the Athletes in Excellence Award Program, the Exceptional Youth Scholarship Award and the documentary film project Munich '72 and Beyond.

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1. Foundation for Human Horizon

Special, 2012

Introduction

Foundation for Human Horizon serves the critical needs of the people of India for education, healthcare and welfare.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation focuses on empowering the poor with necessary tools such as education to make them prosperous and responsible citizens.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Foundation participated in the 7th to 9th sessions of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the 13th to15th sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; the 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women; the 53rd and 54th sessions of the Commission for Social Development; the 5th and 6th sessions of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing; and the 2014 observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Foundation publishes a monthly newsletter for volunteers about the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals and hosts monthly volunteer meetings and events addressing the Sustainable Development Goals.

2. Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (IHH) was founded to extend humanitarian aid to Bosnia in 1992 during the war.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IHH aims to ensure justice and dignity for every person and to eliminate violations of basic human rights and liberties.

Significant changes in the organization

IHH's operations reached 144 countries and territories at the end of 2015 and the Foundation established more than 70 NGOs inside the Syrian Arab Republic and trained their staff.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IHH submits field reports to United Nations bodies regarding Syria every 2 months.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, IHH representatives attended all meetings of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Additionally, it attended the following meetings, among other: the Human Rights Council 2012 Syrian Crisis Special meetings; the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction; United Nations consultations and Humanitarian Diplomacy meetings for Syria in Gaziantep, Turkey and Geneva Switzerland; the 2015 preparatory meetings for the World Humanitarian Summit; and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) consultations with NGOs in July 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

IHH participated in the preparation meetings for the World Humanitarian Summit.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IHH supplied emergency food aid, provided monthly sponsorship and activities for orphans, established schools and education centres for orphans, performed cataract surgeries for people in need, built and supported medical centres and mobile health care containers in the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. IHH also opened water wells in several countries between 2012 and 2015.

3. Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research (SER) has been working for reconciliation and peace since 1996.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation promotes the MDGs and SDGs, Human Rights, and women's and girls' rights. It focuses on eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, developing global partnerships for development, achieving universal primary education, providing health care programmes, and promoting reconciliation in all areas of life.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation participated in the 50th, 51st and 53rd sessions of the Commission for Social Development; the 56th, 59th and 60th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York; and the Rio+20 Summit in 2012 in Brazil.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Foundation organized reconciliation award ceremonies including the Global Mediation Diplomacy Award 2012 in the United Nations in New York and the Global Mediation Diplomacy Award in Hamburg, Germany in 2013.

4. Foundation for the Child and the Family

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Foundation for the Child and the Family focuses on education, humanitarian aid and culture.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation works to build a world of peace and solidarity, education and culture, as well as for the protection of children's rights.

Significant changes in the organization

The name of the organisation has changed to Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Foundation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation supported the fight against childhood cancers and the work of the ELPIDA (which means "hope" in Greek) Association of Friends of Children with Cancer; the campaign of the Orama Elpidas Association for bone marrow donors; and research conducted in France on cancer therapies. It donated to Cerebral Palsy Greece for children with special needs, and to Fondation Motrice. The Foundation also supported the Bibliotheca in Alexandrina, Egypt and sponsored the 2012 conference of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

As a Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Foundation participated in the annual Meetings of the UNESCO Goodwill Ambassadors.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

During the reporting period, the Foundation collaborated with UNESCO and the European Coalition of Cities against Racism (ECCAR) for the ongoing project, Welcoming Cities for Refugees: Promoting inclusion and Protecting Rights; for UNESCO's 70th anniversary celebrations; for the International Day for Monuments and Sites; and for the Education for All program. The Foundation President also participated in the 2013 International High Level Strategic Meeting on Education held in Doha, Qatar and in the annual World Innovation Summit for Education held in Doha (2013 and 2014).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Foundation engaged in numerous activities in Greece in support of the MDGs, including:

- a Refugee Child Medical Assistance Programme which provided medicine, vaccinations, medical care, temporary personal health record booklets, food and clothing;
- a schools programme which provided books, educational and electrical equipment and air-conditioners to schools;
- an educational programme for schools, in co-operation with Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights; and
- a Vulnerable Groups programme which provided food, medicine and personal hygiene products to poor and homeless people in Greece.

5. Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture

General, 2004

Introduction

The Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture (FPSC) works for human development and the promotion of culture.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FPSC aims to promote a culture of solidarity focused on mankind and on the urgent need to achieve more dignified life, work, freedom, and social involvement for all individuals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FPSC organized round tables, working breakfasts, consultations and conferences on various topics, including: water issues in Jordan, Palestine and Israel; quality education in conflict zones as a means to promote peace and special education in the Palestinian Territories; access for Middle Eastern countries to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Post-2015 consultation with Spanish civil society, an initiative of the United Nations Millennium Campaign (UNMC) in Spain; and Spanish cooperation regarding the Arab Spring funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FPSC representatives attended the following meetings:

- the 2012 regular session of the Committee on NGOs;
- 50th session of the Commission for Social Development;
- the 67th United Nations General Assembly;
- 2014 Interactive briefing with civil society;
- High-level event on the Contributions of Women, the Young and Civil Society to the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Foundation held an international seminar and prepared a report on the impact of revolutions on human development in the Middle East with participation of the Head of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in Spain, the Regional Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Cairo, the Representative of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women in Jordan and Syria and the head of a project funded by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs for Syrian refugees in Jordan. FPSC staff was invited to participate in Food

and Agriculture Organization (FAO) activities including a workshop on Risk Assessment of Climate Change on Agricultural Sector in Jordan and XXXIX session of the FAO Committee on Food Security. FPSC is also a strategic ally for the International Year of Quinoa.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Foundation presented the 2013 Annual Report on the MDGs at a meeting convened by the UNMC in Spain, and convened a workshop in Salamanca on Development with equality: Reducing inequality in middle-income countries — contributions to the post-2015 agenda, organized by the Spanish Government and UNDP.

6. Foundation for the Support of the United Nations

General, 1996

Introduction

The Foundation for the Support of the United Nations (FSUN) was founded in November 1988 to help uphold the three pillars of the United Nations: peace and security, development and human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FSUN is focused on advancing peace and security, development and human rights through collaboration with Member States, United Nations entities and other global organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation promoted awareness of the United Nations and the agenda of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in the private/business sector through partnership with IMPACT Leadership 21 and the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations. An annual conference called Power of Collaboration Global Summit was started in 2014 to bring top business and corporate leaders to the United Nations to discuss global issues.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the following United Nations events:

— 50th Session of the Commission for Social Development;

— 52nd session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;

- High-level Meeting of the 67th Session of the General Assembly on the Rule of Law at the National and International Levels;

- 57th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women;

- 65th annual United Nations Department of Public Information/NGO (DPI/NGO) Conference; and

- High-Level Review of Women, Peace and Security at the 15th anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Foundation held the 2013 Aichi Nagoya Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Festa in Nagoya, Japan in partnership and support of the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) and United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and held side events alongside the Peace Forum in partnership with other organizations in celebration of the 15th anniversary of UNSCR 1325.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization co-hosted the annual Power of Collaboration Global Summit in partnership with the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations, corporate partners including IBM, Microsoft, Barclays and other Permanent Missions, and also co-hosted the Forum on Conversations with Men, in support of the HeForShe campaign.

7. France terre d'asile

Special, 2012

Introduction

Founded in 1971, France terre d'asile aims to uphold one of the oldest French traditions — that of providing asylum — and to ensure that France respects the relevant international conventions. It is active in receiving asylum-seekers, integrating refugees, protecting unaccompanied foreign minors and providing assistance to foreigners held in detention.

Aims and purposes of the organization

France terre d'asile emphasizes the establishment of protective and sustainable public policies geared to migrants in need of protection. Its principal missions are to promote the right to asylum and the rights of aliens in France and in Europe; provide assistance and accommodation to asylum-seekers, refugees and unaccompanied foreign minors; train professionals; and help persons in administrative detention centres to exercise their rights.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2012, France terre d'asile founded Terre d'asile Tunisie to implement a project to build the capacities of Tunisian civil society to campaign for migrant rights and take action in support of them. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is an associate partner in this initiative.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

France terre d'asile has helped to advance the development agenda of the Economic and Social Council through its contribution to the achievement of Millennium Development Goals 1, 2, 3 and 6. It has also worked to mobilize youth by protecting and monitoring the education of nearly 1,200 unaccompanied foreign minors who were in France during the reporting period, and through awareness-raising on asylum and protection issues at 40 French *lycées* (secondary schools), reaching nearly 1,000 adolescents (2013, "*Plus belle la fuite*" project).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

France terre d'asile has participated in the following meetings, among others:

- Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)), Geneva, 9 to 11 July 2012, 1 to 3 July 2013, 24 to 26 June 2014, 29 June to 1 July 2015;
- UNHCR Annual Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Europe: Brussels, 15 to 17 October 2014, and The Hague, 14 to 16 October 2015;
- Sixty-first session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (28 and 29 September 2012), including the drafting and delivery of a written statement;
- Pre-sessional working group of the seventy-first session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (8 and 9 June 2015) and plenary session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (13 and 14 January 2016), including the drafting of an alternative report to the fifth periodic report of France on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child during the period 2008-2012.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

In partnership with UNHCR, France terre d'asile has set up an information office for migrants in Calais and on the northern coast of France.

- In collaboration with UNHCR, it has carried out projects in Tunisia on the theme "Law and Migration" (2012-2015);
- During this period, it conducted an investigation into the situation of refugees in the Choucha refugee camp in Tunisia on behalf of UNHCR in Tunisia;
- In collaboration with UNHCR, it drafted a guide for asylum-seekers in Tunisia (2015); and

In partnership with UNICEF France, it organized a conference entitled "Unaccompanied minors from abroad in search of protection: what are their prospects in Europe?", held in Paris on 17 September 2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

France terre d'asile has contributed to achieving:

- Goal 1 by providing accommodation and a monthly subsistence allowance to nearly 25,000 asylum-seekers during the reporting period and by supporting the integration of more than 5,000 recipients of international protection through assistance with employment and housing;
- Goal 2 by monitoring the education of 1,200 unaccompanied minors from abroad;
- Goal 3 by advocating for greater attention to female asylum-seekers and developing a tool to promote gender equality among migrants;
- Goal 6 through regular awareness-raising activities in 50 refugee reception centres.

8. Fraternité Notre Dame

Special, 1996

Introduction

Fraternite Notre Dame (FND) is a traditional Catholic religious and charitable organization founded in 1971.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Fraternite Notre Dame aims to help anyone in need, without discrimination.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FND operated food service programmes for the homeless, health clinics, schools and orphanages; assisted AIDS patients; visited prisoners and the elderly and operated disaster relief interventions in distressed countries and territories.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FND regularly attended the Department of Public Information/NGO (DPI/NGO) briefings at the United Nations and presented oral and written statements to the Human Rights Council, to 51st, 52nd and 54th sessions of the Commission for Social Development, and for the 2014 annual report of the Secretary-General on progress toward achieving the MDG's. During the 65th

DPI/NGO Conference, it organized an exhibit on Poverty Eradication and Human Rights.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

Working closely with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, the World food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and NGOs to benefit destitute populations, FND operated orphanages, schools, a dispensary, a health centre; completed road construction; assisted lepers; and was part of the National Executive Board of the Nigerian Coalition for Children's Rights (CONIDE).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FND was involved in initiatives related to preparation of the African Child Day with UNICEF. The organization took care of the poor through soup kitchens, food pantries, after school programmes pastoral care services, and helped families build individual restrooms to tackle the scourge of cholera.

9. Freemuse: World Forum on Music and Censorship

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in 1998, Freemuse is an international membership organisation advocating and defending artistic freedom.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objective of Freemuse is to advocate and defend musicians' and artists' rights to create, perform and publish their works without fear of reprisal, and citizens' rights to access artistic expressions.

Significant changes in the organization

Freemuse expanded its mandate beyond protecting musicians and composers' rights, also to cover other artists' rights to artistic freedom.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2012 Freemuse initiated and organised the first world conference on artistic freedom of expression, 'All that is banned is desired' and in 2013, published the first global report and statistics on violations of artistic freedom covering all art forms. Freemuse has continued to publish this annual report under the name, 'Art Under Threat.'

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Among other activities, Freemuse made an oral statement and co-organised a side event on artistic freedom in the Middle East and North Africa during the 28th session of the Human Rights Council, and took part in a side event on artistic freedom hosted by the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights. In December 2012, Freemuse participated in an expert meeting on artistic freedom hosted by the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

Freemuse prepared a report in 2013 on "The Right to Artistic Freedom and Creativity" for the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights. Freemuse also submitted multiple Universal Periodic Review stakeholder reports to the Human Rights Council. In 2015, UNESCO turned to Freemuse for a background report on artistic freedom to enhance the United Nations' understanding of the complexities of mechanisms and motives behind threats to artistic freedom.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

10. Front Line: International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders

Special, 2004

Introduction

Front Line, The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders was founded in Dublin in 2001 to promote the safety and protection of human rights defenders at risk.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Front Line aims to protect human rights defenders (HRDs) at risk, people who work non-violently for any or all of the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

Significant changes in the organization

Front Line Defenders serves as the lead partner in ProtectDefenders.eu, the European Union Human Rights Defenders mechanism, established to protect defenders at high risk and facing the most difficult situations worldwide. The Front Line Defenders Board of Trustees formally agreed to subscribe to the Dochas Code on Corporate Governance and is an Associate Member of Dóchas, the Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2015, Front Line provided 454 security grants, totalling €1,178,306 to individuals and organisations at risk. It provided rapid security grant support to human rights defenders in partnership with the Lifeline Embattled CSO Assistance Fund. Front Line issued a total of 1,245 urgent appeals on behalf of 1,914 human rights defenders at risk during this period.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Front Line presented written and oral statements to sessions of the Human Rights Council and submitted 26 Universal Periodic Review (UPR) reports during this period. The organization attended a number of UPR examinations and has on occasion supported a human rights defender (HRD) to attend.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

Front Line's work is guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Defenders. During this period, Front Line produced and distributed a United Nations Handbook in five languages — Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish; liaised with the Office of the Special Rapporteur and submitted urgent appeals on behalf of HRDs at risk worldwide. It also supported opportunities for the Special Rapporteur to meet and exchange views with HRDs. During the reporting period, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association, all addressed Front Line's Dublin Platform.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organisation published its first graphic novel in 2015 on the situation of Lucha Castro and HRDs in Mexico.

11. Fundação de Assistencia Medica Internacional

Special, 2008

Introduction

Fundacao de Assistencia Medica Internacional (AMI) was established to bring humanitarian aid and promote human development to all people without discrimination.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AMI Foundation aims to fight against poverty, social exclusion, underdevelopment, hunger and the consequences of war.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2012, AMI Foundation inaugurated new facilities of the Porta Amiga centre in Almada, Portugal. In 2013 it changed the Foundation's international strategy and began closing its development missions with expatriate teams and to reinforce the international projects in partnership with local organizations (PIPOL), making them more dynamic and emphasizing capacity building of local NGOs to provide better quality services to beneficiaries.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2012 AMI partnered with AISEC (formerly, Association Internationale des Étudiants en Sciences Économiques et Commerciales), the international platform for young people to explore and develop their leadership skills internationally, which brought young volunteers from various countries to Portugal to promote the Millennium Development Goals in Portuguese schools. In 2015 AMI participated in celebrations of the European Year for Development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AMI Representatives participated in the Rio+20 conference and some of its side events, the 65th Annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conference and the 2015 Emergency (Foreign) Medical Teams Global Meeting, organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Offices for the Americas (PAHO) and Word Health Organization in Panama.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

AMI joined with the Portuguese Global Compact network and in 2011 proposed holding AMI/GCNP (Global Compact Network Portugal) conferences, over four years, on each of the four areas covered by the Global Compact. It collaborated with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on projects to: reduce the incidence of water-borne diseases among the people to prevent ebola; achieve open-defecation free status in 18 of the 23 villages in the São João sector, and in the Bolama and the Galinhas sectors of Guinea-Bissau; facilitate implementation of the community health features of the POPEN (Plan to implement High Impact Interventions for the Reduction of Infant and Maternal Morbidity and Mortality at National Level); and contribute to strengthening the Advanced Strategy in the Quinara region to reduce infant and maternal mortality in this region in Guinea-Bissau, 2014-2016.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AMI was a facilitator for the implementation of a community health strategy aimed at reducing infant and maternal mortality, through a group of 191 local community health workers (CHWs) and nurses in the region. It launched the Fund for Development and Social Promotion in 2015 to help families pay utility bills like gas, water and electricity, and the AMI University Fund to help college students pay their tuition fees. In 2014 AMI Foundation established partnership with a Portuguese publisher to conduct information sessions on the MDGs with 9th to 12th grade teachers.

12. Fundación Argentina a las Naciones Camino a la Verdad

Special, 2012

Introduction

Fundación Argentina a las Naciones Camino a la Verdad was founded to defend the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and to reaffirm fundamental human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation aims to strengthen the resilience and vision of the United Nations System.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation engaged in media campaigns, lectures, workshops, and conducted capacity-building courses to sensitise the public to the work and principles of the United Nations. The Foundation also commemorated the 2015 International Women's Day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Foundation participated in the following meetings, among others:

- 2012 Food and Agriculture Organization regional Latin America and Caribbean Conference;
- 2012 High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Rule of Law;
- World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+10) and its preparatory meetings;
- 2013 Internet Governance Forum;
- High-level Segments of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC);
- 65th annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conference;
- 2015 ECOSOC Civil Society Hearing on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system;
- 54th session of the Commission for Social Development;
- High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development;
- 20th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD);
- Interactive Meeting with Civil Society for the High-level Stocktaking Event on the Post-2015 Development Agenda;
- First Preparatory Committee meeting for Habitat III Conference.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FCB participated in the annual United Nations Student Conference on Human Rights (UNSCHR) organized by United Nations International School (UNIS) — Global Education Motivators (GEM), and the United Nations Student Leadership Conference for Development (UNSLCD), co-sponsored with GEM. FCB also participated in the 65th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information/ Non-governmental organization (DPI/NGO) Conference.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The organization became part of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) and participated in the first ASPnet in Action online collaborative platform seminar "120 Minutes for Biodiversity". It participated in the 2012 Goi Peace Foundation UNESCO International Essay Contest for Young People, collaborated with GEM on the World Teachers' Congress on Human Rights, 2015, and won the 2012 Plural+Global Block Foundation Award. It was nominated for the 2014 United Nations Population Award and the UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers with the programme, Baur System "Living Knowledge".

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FCB won the 2015 State Environmental Award for its project, Intelligent Terrace: transforming a dead space into a sustainable area. It participated in video conferences on: City 21 Series: Designing Cities Project (April 2012), Issues and Innovations in the 21st Century Cities (June 2013) and School Perspectives on Urban Water Management, Colegio Carol Baur-The School of the Future (October 2013).

14. Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi

General, 2012

Introduction

The Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF) was established in 1994 by a group of journalists, writers and intellectuals who believe humanity's ultimate problem lies in poverty, ignorance and disunity.

Aims and purposes of the organization

JWF promotes culture of peace through dialogue and reconciliation.

Significant changes in the organization

JWF opened new offices.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Foundation cooperated with the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Argentina, on the Argentina United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women's "Brave is not Violent" and "Say NO UNiTE" to End Violence against Women campaigns. It participated with United Nations Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (UN-REDD) and Argentina's National Environment Secretariat (SAyDS).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

13. Fundación Cultural Baur

Special, 2004

Introduction

Fundacion Cultural Baur (FCB) is a human rights organization that uses education to help children and young people acquire a sense of social awareness and commitment to those in need.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FCB encourages children and young people to be responsible for their society and the conservation of their planet through educational activities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The 2013 FCB Model United Nations (BIMUN) was the first to integrate hearing impaired youth. FCB also convened its first Youth Forum on International Dialogue in January 2014. Additionally, it participated in annual Community Development and Leadership Summits, annual International Emerging Leaders Conferences, collaborated on the Foscarini Model United Nations, participated in the 10th International Student Science Conference and the 6th University Scholars Leadership Symposium on Humanitarian Affairs, won the Iberoamerican Prize for Human Rights Education "Oscar Arnulfo Romero", and commemorated the annual International Day of Peace.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

JWF concentrated its efforts in building dialog between diverse groups at the national and international level to find peaceful ways of fighting inequality and conflict. JWF also promoted the United Nations campaigns (HeForShe, Year of the Family, UNiTE) and celebrated the United Nations Day at the Geneva Peace Conference in 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period JWF organized side events and submitted written remarks and delivered oral statements at various meetings including the 57th-60th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, 25th and 26th sessions of the Human Rights Council, 2nd and 3rd sessions of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development, 53rd session of the Commission for Social Development, 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 24th and 25th sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and the 2nd Geneva Peace Week. JWF was selected as a member of the Steering Committee during the 5th Session of the United Nations Open Working Group on SDGs, and invited as a panellist at the 8th Session. JWF was a speaker at the High-Level Forum on the Culture of Peace in 2013, and the 53rd Session of the Commission on Social Development. It attended the 68th United Nations General Assembly, 61st-63rd sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, and the 65th and 66th Department of Public Information NGO Conference.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

JWF established an Information Technology Lab in Afghanistan in collaboration with United Nations Office of Information and Communications Technology and the Missions Donation Programme for 300 girls in 2015, and mobilized Youth for Gender Equality with She4All project in partnership with United Nations Women Austria National Committee.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

JWF funded eight innovative conflict resolution and peacebuilding projects on peace education, gender equality, human rights journalism, ending violence against women and girls, intercultural education, and civil society capacity-building.

15. General Research Institute on the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Special, 2008

Introduction

General Research Institute of the Convention on the rights of the Child (CRC Institute) was founded to conduct research on children's rights at the global level with emphasis on Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Institute promotes exchange of information and joint research on the protection and promotion of children's rights, in particular the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institute served as the secretariat of the Committee for NGO Reporting on the CRC and discussed the preparation of the 4th and 5th periodic reports to the CRC Committee with the government of Japan. It advocated for comprehensive implementation of the recommendations and concluding observations issued by various human rights bodies to Japan. It also helped organize the 3rd and 4th Asian Forum on the Rights of the Child and was involved in academic exchanges between Japan and the Republic of Korea on the promotion of children's rights. The Institute also organized annual meetings of local government initiatives based on the CRC.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the 21st, 24th, 27th and 31st sessions of the Human Rights Council.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Institute collaborated with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in the Network to Support Children Affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake, contributed to the protection and promotion of the rights of the children in the affected areas and promoted the development of child friendly cities, advocated by UNICEF.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Institute contributed to the development of local policies against child poverty and advocated for the adoption of legislation guaranteeing "diverse ways of learning" in order to realize educational rights of children who do not go to school for various reasons.

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1. Geneva Infant Feeding Association

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Geneva Infant Feeding Association is part of the International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association aims to protect, promote and support breastfeeding in compliance with the World Health Organization (WHO) International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes and United Nations human rights instruments.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IBFAN contributed to the following: WHO Implementation Plan for the Global Strategy on Infant and Young Child Feeding; reports of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food; the International Labour Organization (ILO) 'Maternity Protection Resource Package'; and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Study on the child's right to health. The Association submitted alternative reports to: the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC); on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR); and on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). It prepared a joint statement to the 19th session, written statements to the 25th and 26th sessions, and contributed to side events at the 29th sessions of the Human Rights Council. IBFAN also contributed to OHCHR Technical guidance on child mortality; the CEDAW General Recommendation on the Rights of Rural Women and to WHO Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association attended the WHO World Health Assembly and the Executive Board sessions; and contributed oral and written statements to CRC and CESCR Committee sessions; and in 2015 the WHO Technical consultation on conflicts of interest in nutrition, a session of the Committee on Food Security Civil Society Mechanism, and a session of the Inter-Governmental Working Group on Transnational Corporations and Human Rights.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Association organized a meeting with the Special Rapporteur on food and the CRC Committee; held a side event at the Human Rights Council in collaboration with WHO; conducted a CRC briefing in collaboration with WHO and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); disseminated a WHO survey on implementation of guidelines on HIV and infant feeding; convened a side event at WHA in collaboration with WHO; and contributed to UNICEF reports on climate

change and breastfeeding, the UNICEF/International Court of Justice 'Guide for NGOs on children's rights and business', the WHO/ILO seminar on maternity protection, the 2014-2015 WHO NetCode and NetCode Monitoring tools, and revision of UNICEF/UNHCR/Save the Children 'Guidelines on infant and young child feeding in transit'.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Association produced the DVD 'All about IBFAN'; published a series of Breastfeeding Briefs; prepared a statement on chemical residues and Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF); produced 'Frequently Asked Questions about Prebiotics and Probiotics'; and contributed to the Asia & the Pacific Policy Society report, "A fox building a chicken coop? — World Health Organization reform: Health for All, or more corporate influence?"

2. Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) is a global Swiss-based foundation launched in 2002 to tackle malnutrition.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GAIN mobilises public-private partnerships and provides financial and technical support to deliver nutritious foods to people most at risk of malnutrition.

Significant changes in the organization

GAIN increased its presence in target countries to enhance programme effectiveness; strengthened its policy and advocacy function in Washington, DC, Canada and The Netherlands; and added technical and management capacity at headquarters. It invested in innovative delivery models to reach the most important target groups: infants, children, adolescent girls and mothers, and increased investment in research to fill gaps in evidence about nutrition and consumer behaviour.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GAIN's programmes in Africa and Asia provided nutritional products, such as fortified staple foods and supported improved maternal and infant health by promoting breastfeeding and specialised products for infants over six months and young children. It partnered with local businesses to improve the quality of food and to build alliances. It supported countries to end all forms of malnutrition, including achieving by 2025 the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under five years of age, and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women, and older persons.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Among other meetings, GAIN participated in the annual World Health Assemblies; as an observer in meetings of the Codex Alimentarius Commission of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); and as a co-organizer in events organized by various United Nations entities, including the United Nations Committee on World Food Security 42nd session and the Private Sector Mechanisms meetings; the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Expert Meeting on Policy Interfaces between Trade and the SDGs; the United Nations 2015 Private Sector Forum; the United Nations General Assembly high-level event, "Harnessing the power of multi-stakeholder partnerships to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in Food and Nutrition Security"; the Third International Conference on Financing For Development; the 2nd International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2); 2014 Joint Thematic Debate on the role of partnerships in implementing the Post-2015 development agenda; launch of the Business Platform for Nutrition Research (BPNR); and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) International Conference Against Child Undernutrition.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

GAIN is a core participant in the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement and with World Food Programme (WFP) jointly convened the SUN Business Network (SBN). Moreover, it works closely with WFP in policy coordination and programme implementation at the country level. In January 2014, GAIN was awarded the WFP Hunger Here Award. It partnered with UNICEF in various projects, including universal salt iodization in 13 countries. It regularly attended World Health Organization (WHO) Board meetings and worked closely with the Nutrition Department on research issues related to food fortification and maternal, infant and young child nutrition. In September 2015, GAIN and the Government of Tanzania, with other partners, organized the first Global Summit on Food Fortification #FutureFortified, in Arusha, Tanzania. GAIN is also a member of the "Geneva Perception Change" project led by the United Nations Office in Geneva.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

GAIN's programmes, including school feeding programmes, provided children with essential vitamins and minerals; promoted fortification of staple foods consumed by girls and young women, reducing iron deficiency and anaemia; improved young child feeding practices; and bolstered the nutritional status of infants and young children. It supported exclusive breastfeeding for six months and the development of nutritious complementary food and supplements for infants older than six months in addition to continued breastfeeding for two years and beyond; it contributed to healthy motherhood and better prospects for babies by improving the micronutrient status of girls, adolescents and women; it supported small scale projects to provide nutrient dense meals to people living with HIV; and it convened and facilitated active partnerships providing resources and technical assistance to international and national alliances of governments, the private sector and civil society that work together to reduce poverty and improve nutritional and health status.

3. Global Eco-Village Network

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Global Ecovillage Network (GEN) is the umbrella organization for ecovillages worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GEN aims to support the development of ecovillages around the world; foster the dissemination of information on ecovillage concepts, solutions and demonstration sites; build strong international, national and regional networks of ecovillages, and link these grassroots projects into a strong, participatory worldwide movement.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GEN implemented sustainable human settlements in rural and urban settings around the world. Through its partner organization, Gaia Education, GEN published training materials and promoted courses that contributed to the Decade on Education for Sustainable Development and the Global Action Plan on ESD along with training components of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Among other meetings, GEN representatives participated and held a side event at the 2015 Climate Summit in partnership with the European Community-Led Initiatives for a Sustainable Europe (ECOLISE). The Network's representatives participated in the High Level Political Forum in 2013-2015; most sessions of the Open Working Group on the SDGs; several preparatory meetings and hearings for the 2015 Financing for Development Conference; Special Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly; and briefings by the Expert Group on SDG Indicators.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Ecovillage communities held Ecovillage Design Education Training Programs in more than 40 countries. GEN produced a quarterly newsletter with examples of best practices and ways to achieve the SDGs. The Ndandifor Ecovillage Training Center provides the model for and is a primary component of the Bafut 2020 Strategy for Sustainable Development in Cameroon. The Women Builder's

Cooperative trains women in natural and green building techniques, thus improving income and livelihood opportunities.

4. Global Family for Love and Peace

Special, 2012

Introduction

Global Family for Love and Peace (GFLP) is dedicated to building a harmonious world through promoting values-based education, organizing and directing activities for young people in the field of social service, and sponsoring interfaith dialogues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GFLP aims to transform the power of love into action through intercultural and interfaith dialogues, conflict resolution, and activities and programmes related to the United Nations Culture of Peace, the International Day of Peace and Sustainable Development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GFLP sponsored the annual Week of Dialogue as a peace building project focused on conflict prevention.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GFLP co-sponsored the 2015 observance of the International Day of Peace and a United Nations 70th Anniversary event.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

GFLP participated in the annual World Interfaith Harmony Week Programme, sponsored by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

GFLP and the United Nations Children's Fund jointly established the Dayu Nursery in Kawhmu, in the Delta Region of southern Myanmar. The Nursery employs professional preschool teachers and provides meals, education, and medical care free of charge for the young children of farming families while their parents are busy during the rainy season. GFLP also established an international eco-farm at Naung Moon near Lashio, in northern Myanmar's Shan state. The project utilizes environmentally friendly agricultural practices and organic farming techniques to enhance quality of life, provide an opportunity for impoverished local farmers, and provide children with practical education and vocational training.

5. Global Policy Forum

Special, 2000

Introduction

Founded in 1993, Global Policy Forum (GPF) monitors policy making at the United Nations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of GPF is to promote accountability of global decisions, educate and mobilize for global citizen participation, and advocate on vital issues of international peace and justice.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During 2012-2015, GPF focussed on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, financing for development, and the role of partnerships including with the private sector. It coordinated the Civil Society Reflection Group on Global Development Perspectives, which launched the flagship report "No future without justice" at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development; and organized a number of public events on key issues related to the agenda of the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GPF representatives regularly attended meetings of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies; and participated in all meetings of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the United Nations Sustainable Development Conference 2012, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

GPF works closely with United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) including its workshops on, "Women's Mobilization for Gender-Egalitarian Policy Change in the 20 Years since Beijing," and on "Responsibility and Accountability in the Post-2015 Agenda.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

6. Global Social Observatory

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Global Social Observatory (GSO) is an international organization founded to facilitate dialogue and disseminate information on social issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of the GSO is to support sustainable social development by encouraging stakeholders to engage in solutions and policy coherence.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GSO convened a Colloquium Series of events on inclusive engagement to prevent and manage non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and presented an outcome statement with lessons learned to the World Health Organization (WHO). It established a partnership with the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement and during the annual Global Gatherings of the Movement, convened consultations, made presentations, and in 2015 convened a global conference on conflict of interest.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GSO participated in informal consultations convened by the WHO on NCD targets and indicators, on conflict of interest and on preparations for the Second International Conference on Nutrition. It participated in two dialogue events for the Global Coordination Mechanism for Non-Communicable Diseases (GCM/NCDs); organized webinars, roundtables and panels on the Post-2015 Development Agenda at the Public Forum of the World Trade Organization (WTO); made presentations at side events during Rio+20; participated at the Committee on Global Food Security (CFS); and attended the sessions and side events of the Human Rights Council, the United Nations High-level Event on the Millennium Development Goals and Post-2015 Development Agenda, the Thirteenth Session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, informal consultations on the Post-2015 Development Agenda; and the United Nations High-level Meeting on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

GSO developed a reference note and toolkit on the prevention and management of conflict of interest in the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement.

7. Globethics.net Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

Globethics.net Foundation is a worldwide ethics network and online library.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of Globethics.net is to provide equal access to knowledge resources in the field of applied ethics to enable individuals and institutions from developing and transition economies to participate in the global discourse on ethics.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation's online library provided nearly 32,000 documents from or about the United Nations and its agencies. The Foundation published 92 books directly relevant to the United Nations development agenda and the Globethics.net Regional Programmes provided specialised content from their regions for the online library, promoted the growth of the network and implemented special projects. The Global Ethics Forum annual conference focused on promoting values in business, tackling inequality and on responsible leadership.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Globethics.net representatives participated in the first WSIS+10 review event in 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

Globethics.net participated in and organised a thematic workshop on 'The Ethics of Digital Innovation' at the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+10) Forum hosted by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Globethics.net signed a library agreement to establish an online institutional collection with the United Nations Research Institution for Social Development (UNRISD). It delivered modules on ethics each year at the Executive Summer School (ESS) on Global Environmental Policy Programme (GEPP) organised in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the University of Geneva (UNIGE), Switzerland. In October 2014 Globalethics.net co-organised with the United Nations Office for Partnerships a high level meeting on "Ethics in Politics and Business: Tools for Strengthening Values-based Leadership". On 30 April 2015, the Director of the United Nations Ethics Office delivered a public lecture on Doing Ethics in an Imperfect World: Instruments and Dilemmas in the United Nations System, at the invitation of Globethics.net.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Globethics Leadership Centre was launched in 2014 to provide resources, opportunities for collaboration and training, in particular for small and medium enterprises. Globethics.net also developed a special online collection on climate justice.

8. Goi Peace Foundation

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Goi Peace Foundation conducts research and educational activities for peace and sustainable development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation aims to foster a sustainable and harmonious global society, promoting cooperation among individuals and organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to sustainable solutions for various global challenges by focusing primarily on awareness-raising and education for peace and sustainable development, local and global community building, and empowerment of citizens, especially the young.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation attended several sessions of the United Nations Commission for Social Development (UNCSD); the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development; the UNESCO Consultation and Planning Meeting of the Partner Networks of the Global Action Programme on Education for Sustainable Development (GAP on ESD); and the United Nations University Library Talk: "The UN Security Council in the 21st Century" (December 2015). It co-organized the 2014 UNESCO ESD Youth Conference, partnered with UNESCO on the 8th UNESCO Youth Forum and organized a socio-cultural event as part of the Forum's official programme.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Foundation co-organized a special event entitled "United for a Culture of Peace Through Interfaith Harmony" with the President of the 67th Session of the United Nations General Assembly; signed a Partnership Agreement with UNESCO to jointly promote youth development and civic engagement; co-organized, with

UNESCO, the annual International Essay Contest for Young People, and organized the 2014 Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition with the support of UNESCO.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Foundation organised the 2015 International Essay Contest for Young People in commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of UNESCO; created the Earth Kids Space programme, as an official activity of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development; started the annual Goi Peace Foundation Forum to address peace building and sustainable development; began a series of public lectures on values for the 21st century; and bi-monthly dialogues on "Living a New Civilization" to build sustainable lifestyle communities. The Foundation launched the Fuji Declaration initiative as a multi-disciplinary international alliance of individuals and organizations. The Foundation also completed a research study on "ESD: Education for Creating a New Civilization" in 2015.

9. Good Neighbors International

General, 1996

Introduction

Good Neighbors International (GNI) is a humanitarian development organization empowering and protecting the poorest and most vulnerable communities of 37 countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GNI promotes and protects human rights through inclusive and comprehensive advocacy activities and development programmes addressing good governance, education, health, water and sanitation, income generation, community partnership, and emergency relief.

Significant changes in the organization

GNI set up three regional offices in Asia, Africa, and Latin America to enhance project coordination and efficiency in each region. In 2013 GNI adopted a new development policy.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GNI joined national and regional civil society advocacy efforts for sustainable development since Rio+20 in 2012 up to the Sustainable Development Summit in 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

From 2012-2015, GNI participated and contributed to more than 60 international meetings including the World Food Programme (WFP) Partnership Consultations, the United Nations Human Rights Council sessions, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) NGO Consultations, and the United

Nations Department of Public Information NGO conferences. GNI participated at the 2015 World Education Forum and gave input to the 3rd United Nations Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

GNI participated in the cluster mechanism under the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) during humanitarian crises, including as co-lead agency in the protection cluster at Gorkha after the 2015 Nepal earthquake.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

GNI undertook community development projects, child rights advocacy, and humanitarian interventions, including the following: the Hope School Project building 46 schools in Africa; a malnutrition project in Kagina, Republic of Rwanda; and a "Maternal and Child Health" project that trained local health staff and conducted programmes and campaigns to improve community members' awareness. It established the world's first hospital specializing in parasitic diseases through its Neglected Tropical Disease Control project in the United Republic of Tanzania; pioneered 24 "appropriate technology" programmes in 10 countries; and through Good Sharing, a social enterprise for climate change adaptation in Mongolia, distributed 40,500 eco-friendly and energy-efficient heat-accumulators. The Korean Energy Corporation GS Caltex, and the Korea International Cooperation Agency collaborated with GNI to establish "Good Solar Innovation", a social enterprise providing access to sustainable energy to extremely poor households in Cambodia.

10. Gran Fraternidad Universal

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Gran Fraternidad Universal (GFU), also known as Universal Great Brotherhood (UGB), promotes a Culture of Peace through its activities in 23 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Since 1948, GFU has worked for human development in education, health, culture, human rights, nutrition, environment, science, and tolerance among others.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GFU conducted conferences and forums on International Day of Yoga and an International Congress of Yoga in Maracay, Venezuela.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GFU representatives attended the 65th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information NGO (DPI/NGO) Conference; the Sixth Session of the Open Working Group on Ageing; the 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women; commemorated the annual celebration of International Women's Day; and participated in the DPI/NGO Thursday Briefings.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The GFU has worked with children and young adults in an inter-cultural exchange programme called "Culture of Peace, the Science of Living", with the participation of representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and other governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization convened educational conferences and planted trees for reforestation and environmental care in its Ashrams during annual observances of "International Earth Day". Additionally, representatives periodically visited indigenous communities to provide them with medical, educational and child health and hygiene services and workshops for pregnant mothers and young adults about drugs, nutrition and pre-yoga exercises.

11. Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) is an international organization that advocates for and assists refugees building new lives in safety and in freedom.

Aims and purposes of the organization

HIAS provides migration assistance to refugees and asylum seekers, reunites separated families, and enables refugees to build new lives in their adoptive countries.

Significant changes in the organization

In December 2015, HIAS relocated its headquarters to Silver Spring, Maryland, United States.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Among other activities, HIAS provided services to refugees and other displaced persons to assist with their legal protection needs; assisted in identifying refugees in need of resettlement to a third country, facilitated that resettlement, and welcomed and facilitated their integration in the country of resettlement;

implemented psycho-social programmes to assist refugees and other displaced persons develop coping and community support mechanisms; promoted livelihoods for refugees and displaced persons; and advocated before Governments and the United Nations on behalf of refugees, asylum seekers, and other displaced persons to help them find welcome, safety, and freedom.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

HIAS participated in the annual Country Operations Planning exercises for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and actively participated at the annual session of the UNHCR NGO Consultations, as well as the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement and the High Commissioner's Dialogue on Refugee Protection.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

HIAS worked in close partnership with the UNHCR and the World Food Programme (WFP) under a tripartite agreement in Republic of Chad to provide trauma counselling, social services, distribute food in refugee camps, and facilitate relocation for those needing protection. It provided group-based services to children and adolescents, trained parents on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and NGO partners on the UNHCR Code of Conduct for Humanitarian Workers. HIAS also worked with UNHCR and the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNFVT) to administer a Sexual and Gender Based Persecution (SGBP) programme. It implemented programmes in partnership with UNHCR to provide legal assistance to asylum seekers in Ukraine, and starting in 2014, operated in partnership with UNHCR to monitor and provide legal assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Ukraine.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

HIAS implemented projects with UNHCR support to provide protection to Colombian refugees, to provide humanitarian assistance and psychosocial support, to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence, and facilitate access to durable solutions for refugees, asylum-seekers, and other vulnerable populations. In partnership with World Food Programme, HIAS distributed food coupons, trained refugees on nutrition, and through the Urban Recoveries Project, assisted refugees with the planting of orchards for their use.

12. Hong Kong Federation of Women

Special, 2000

Introduction

Hong Kong Federation of Women (HKFW) was established in June 1993 to unite women from all walks of life.

Aims and purposes of the organization

HKFW aims to study and to improve and protect the lawful rights and status of women and to liaise with similar organizations worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

HKFW organized and participated in conferences, lectures, seminars and published material on women's rights and issues. In 2013 the organization convened a forum entitled, "Searching for a New Dimension for Hong Kong Women", to explore a new development direction for women in the 21st Century. It also has advocated for a 5th World Conference on Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

HKFW invited the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, (UN Women) China Office, as guest speaker at the "Searching for a New Dimension for Hong Kong Women" Forum in 2013 to share experiences regarding women's development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

HKFW donated HK$625,000 and HK$300,000 to earthquake victims of Sichuan and Yunnan, and HK$1 million for the distribution of "Love and Lucky Bags" for the elderly and low-income families. The organization regularly conducted training courses to enhance women's employability. The Youth Leadership Million Training Programme offered a 7-month intensive programme to youth leaders to develop their management and personal skills. The International Affairs Sub-Committee has organized quarterly luncheon talks to raise women's awareness on current international issues; and the Federation's Quarterly Bulletin has included a bilingual article entitled "World Focus" to promote women's empowerment and gender equality and further broaden members' knowledge of international affairs.

13. Hope Worldwide

Special, 1996

Introduction

The International Churches of Christ founded HOPE Worldwide, Ltd. (HWW) in 1991 to serve the poor and needy throughout the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

HWW delivers sustainable, high-impact, community-based services to the poor and needy.

Significant changes in the organization

HWW began its transition from an affiliate network to a worldwide network of member organizations in late 2015.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

HWW addressed needs in the areas of health, orphans and vulnerable children, social services and global disaster response.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

HWW participated in the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

HWW has a representative on the Steering Committee of the Regional Inter-agency Task Team on Children and AIDS (RIATT) for Eastern and Southern Africa, which is hosted by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). HWW participated in the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) coordination clusters in the areas of education and nutrition, with UNICEF, on health with the World Health Organisation (WHO), and on logistics and food with the World Food Programme (WFP). It has implemented a programme with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) in Indonesia to increase capacity of educators in disaster preparedness; collaborated with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Malaysia to provide free basic healthcare for refugees; provided input to UNICEF's development of National Guidelines for Child Friendly Spaces in the Philippines; was involved in pre-testing and validation of psychological first aid kits for children and adolescents co-organized by UNICEF and participated in a closed seminar on early childhood development innovation organized by UNICEF in South Africa; and served in Papua New Guinea as implementing partner of the National HIV programme funded by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and advised jointly by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

HWW engaged in numerous activities in support of the MDGs, including food and nutrition programmes, primary medical, dental health and tertiary-level care through two free hospitals. It provided housing, clean water, electricity, waste disposal to leprosy patients in India, facilitating their access to medical care, jobs, and employable skills; provided basic food, shelter assistance, small livelihood support and other services to beneficiaries in 7 disasters and 3 other crises; provided student sponsorships and other academic support activities to primary and

secondary school students in Asia and Africa; empowered female sex workers to form groups and engage in alternative activities through entrepreneurship training, linkage to microfinance institutions, and training on leadership and governance. HWW also trained female sex workers on gender-based violence, self-protection, and in life skills; empowered women through small business and financial schemes, provided child protection training, livelihood training centres, and interest-free loans for small home businesses for mothers.

HWW managed a non-profit health system in the Kingdom of Cambodia led by women and employed and trained women medical professionals. HWW conducted community awareness in African countries on the importance of antenatal visits, referrals, and giving birth in a health facility. HWW started a women's and children's hospital in Kampot, Cambodia.

HWW played key national roles in HIV access to full continuum of care, Tb community case-finding and treatment, and Malaria treatment education. In cooperation with pharmaceutical companies through in-kind and discount medicines, HWW provided affordable essential medications for 220,000 patient visits per year in Cambodia.

14. Horizon Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

Horizon Foundation was founded in 2006 to implement community development projects in Sierra Leone.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation aims to ensure that the Millennium Development Goals are achieved and the Paris Climate Change agreement is fulfilled.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Horizon Foundation supported the United Nations' work to stop the spread of the deadly Ebola virus by implementing Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programmes in Sierra Leone. The Foundation also engaged in adult employment efforts to reduce poverty.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Horizon Foundation implemented a housing scheme to support homeless adults. The Foundation also launched the Back To Farm Project to equip rural farmers with basic farming equipment to get them back to agricultural production as a post-Ebola recovery measure.

15. Housing Works

Special, 2012

Introduction

Housing Works (HW) is a healing community of people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Housing Works aims to end the dual crises of homelessness and AIDS through relentless advocacy, the provision of lifesaving services and entrepreneurial businesses that sustain its efforts.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2014 Housing Works became designated as a 330(h) Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) by the United States Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Housing Works is now eligible for federal grants to cover costs of uncompensated care, enhanced Medicaid and Medicare revenue. It also restructured its Board of Directors that oversees health care services to include at least 51% client representation per HRSA guidelines. Also in 2014 HW merged with Positive Health Project (PHP), an organization that provides outreach and harm reduction services to injecting drug users, transgender individuals, and other high-risk populations. It also merged with HIV Law Project, which has provided pro bono legal services exclusively to low-income people living with HIV/AIDS since 1989.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Housing Works offers a comprehensive array of client services including primary and mental health care, case management, substance use treatment, behavioural health and harm reduction services, permanent and transitional supportive housing, legal services and a job training programme for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

Housing Works served on the governing body of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) as a NGO member of the Programme Coordinating Board. It has been part of the Interagency Task Team on Social Protection, Care, and Support and co-convener of annual summit to address social drivers of HIV, poverty and inequality, with UNAIDS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the International Labour Organization (ILO). HW launched three demonstration projects with UNAIDS to address the social drivers of HIV in Kiev, Ukraine, Lusaka, Zambia, and Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2013, the Housing Works Asylum Project was established to ensure that LGBT activists facing persecution abroad could apply for asylum in the United States and gain the skills and support they need to live on their own. The Asylum Project leverages resources from Housing Works' housing, clinical, legal, and case management programmes to provide a comprehensive array of services.

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1. Human Rights Information and Training Center

Special, 2004

Introduction

Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) is based in the Republic of Yemen and operates at the local and regional levels.

Aims and purposes of the organization

HRITC strives to build capacities and raise awareness of human rights by advocating and mobilizing support to prevent human rights violations and enhancing accountability in cooperation with local, regional and international institutions. Specifically, it: builds capacities for human rights activists and NGOs through training sessions and workshops; raises public awareness on human rights protection concepts and mechanisms through seminars, panel discussions and conferences; prepares and disseminates studies on human rights and development issues; advocates with decision-makers on legislation reforms; and documents human rights violations by issuing reports.

Significant changes in the organization

HRITC has elected a new President and Executive Director.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

HRITC contributes to the work of the United Nations by promoting human rights values and principles amongst civil society actors in Arabic speaking countries. It organized various training and workshops on enhancing the media's role and transparency in promoting human rights, supporting transitional justice and national reconciliation, optimizing partnerships amongst civil society actors, and ending discrimination against women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, HRITC actively participated in various sessions of the Human Rights Council and presented oral statements. It has also participated in the special session on the Universal Periodic Report (UPR) of Yemen as well as consultative meetings on the post-2015 Development Agenda.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Between 2012 and 2014, HRITC cooperated with the following United Nations' bodies:

United Nations Development Program (UNDP): provided recommendations to UNDP's transitional justice programme in conjunction with its Ministry of Human Rights;

United Nations Children's Fund (UNCIEF): implemented project "Safe Zone for Children" which provides social and psychological training to children;

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); organized seminars and provided inputs related to rights and freedom which helped shape the new Yemeni constitution.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

HRITC has been on the frontline of invigorating discussions on development and human rights policies in the Arabic speaking countries. It also engaged in discussions with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in the lead up to the adoption of the post-2015 Development Agenda.

2. Human Rights Now

Special, 2012

Introduction

Human Rights Now (HRN) is amongst the first international human rights NGOs in Japan. Established in 2006 by professionals, lawyers, scholars and journalists in the human rights field, its membership includes over 700 associates with activities expanding across Asia and the Middle East.

Aims and purposes of the organization

HRN seeks to improve the human rights situation in Asia by highlighting human rights violations and enabling victims to have their voices heard. In collaboration with international and grassroots NGOs around the world, HRN aims to, inter alia, contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights worldwide, with a special focus on Asian countries; and promote the incorporation of international human rights standards within the national framework of Japan.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

HRN implements concrete initiatives to support the application of international human rights standards and norms established by the United Nations. Between 2012 and 2015, it conducted multiple advocacy efforts in support of the economic and social rights of people affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake and the Fukushima nuclear incident. HRN also addressed business and human rights in global supply chains and held seminars to disseminate the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights advocating for Japan's adoption of a national action plan.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

HRN attended, presented oral remarks and submitted written statements to sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC). It organized side events during the

21st and 26th HRC sessions convened in May 2013 and June 2014 respectively. It also organized side events during the 56th, 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

HRN supported the work of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health while assisting people affected by the Fukushima-1 nuclear incident and contributed to a periodic report on this situation. In December 2012, it invited the Director of the United Nations Women (UN Women) Office in Asia and the Pacific to a seminar addressing domestic violence against women in Japan.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

HRN contributed to global efforts to improve health and end domestic violence against women as part of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the post-2015 Development Agenda by regularly organizing thematic seminars and raising public awareness on these issues.

3. Ibero American Institute of Aeronautic and Space Law and Commercial Aviation

Special, 1976

Introduction

Ibero American Institute of Aeronautic and Space Law and Commercial Aviation (IAIASLCA) is a non-profit organization that engages with international actors in its jurisdiction of aeronautical and spatial law.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It seeks to promote knowledge, raise awareness and establish international cooperation with regard to aeronautical and spatial laws as well as commercial aviation through international conferences and publications.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IAIASLC conducts research on aeronautical and space law and shares its findings with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS). It has organized 42 congresses addressing air and space law, published the proceedings of 37 congresses and 32 reports and publications.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Having obtained observer status with the UNCOPUOS in June 2012, IAIASLC has actively participated in the 52nd, 53rd and 54th sessions of the Legal Subcommittee of UNCOPUOS.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IAIASLC annually organizes the "Ibero American Congress" a congress where items under the purview of air and space law are discussed. Once adopted, the outcome and recommendations are shared with ICAO, the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC) and to embassies and airlines of the Ibero American countries. On 5 April 2013, it submitted a statement to the United Nations Economic and Social Council's (ECOSOC) High-Level Segment on "Outer Space and Sustainable Development."

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the reporting period, IAIASLC organized seminars which contributed to the promotion of the sustainable development, environmental sustainability and global partnership for development. It also signed agreements with universities and national and foreign institutions for cooperation in the study of aeronautical and spatial topics, including safety issues in aviation and international law. This includes collaboration with the Chilean Institute of Aviation and Space Law, the Ecuadorian Civil Space Agency and the Paraguay Space Agency, amongst others.

4. Impact for Change and Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in 2003, Impact for Change and Development Limited by Guarantee (ICDLG) is based in Nigeria dedicated to empowering women, children and youth in difficult circumstances.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICDLG seeks to support its beneficiaries to embrace positive changes and sustainable development through initiatives in the areas of conflict management, peacebuilding, women and children's rights, good governance, gender equality and civic political education.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICDLG has developed a handbook for journalists to provide guidance on gender sensitive reporting and increased understanding of gender issues in line with

Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women Peace and Security. It also undertook the following initiatives:

- capacity building for law enforcement agents to enhance interagency cooperation and coordination;
- training of military and security personnel in the area of children and women's protection in violent conflict and post-conflict environments;
- encouraging participation of women and youth in local governance structures and decision making institutions; and
- capacity building workshops for rural women and youth in literacy and numeracy and skills in peacebuilding and conflict management.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ICDLG partnered with a number of United Nations entities to implement the global development agenda. These partnerships include collaborating with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for a study on female genital mutilation, and engaging with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to build capacity for inter-agency cooperation amongst security agencies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ICDLG promoted gender equality and empowerment of women by launching literacy and numeracy capacity building projects for women in rural communities of Ogun and Lagos States, and capacity building training for women in the Delta State for engagement with oil companies and government officials in light of interventions arising from conflict. It also advocated for the elimination of female genital mutilation and ending female child mortality.

5. Indian Development Foundation

Special. 2012

Introduction

With over 30 years of humanitarian service, the Indian Development Foundation (IDF) is dedicated to improving health, education and development in India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IDF aims to create improved conditions for basic health, education and empowerment of every citizen.

Significant changes in the organization

IDF has scaled up its operations and expanded to new districts and villages in India.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IDF has intensified its education and health awareness programmes with particular reference to addressing leprosy and tuberculosis. It also set up after-school programmes, an innovative education programme which assists "slow learners" cope with education thereby reducing the school dropout rate. It also established a "Centre of Excellence" to enhance the employability quotient among job-seekers and provide vocational training and adult education through skills development programmes. It started online coaching of students and launched significant knowledge emitting programmes to inculcate leadership qualities among the youth.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IDF contributed to the MDGs by taking concrete measures to reduce poverty by providing food to poverty-struck families through mid-day meal programmes. It also supported primary education by launching the "Bal Gurukul" after-school programmes in rural and urban slums which, inter alia, created awareness of HIV/AIDS and nutritional information.

6. Indian Social Institute

Special, 2004

Introduction

Indian Social Institute (ISI) is a national institute for research, training and action for socio-economic development and human rights. It was established in 1951 in response to a new emerging social order in the aftermath of India's independence in 1947.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ISI aims to enhance people's right to live a dignified life, and to evolve a just, democratic and secular society where human rights are upheld, diversity is respected and holistic development is realized.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ISI contributed to various seminars on free speech, democracy, violence against marginalized women and gender justice between 2012 and 2014. It also commemorates the International Day of the World's Indigenous People annually.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ISI participated in the 11th and 13th sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in 2012 and 2014. In addition to attending the 29th Human Rights Council (HRC), it also participated in the following meetings convened in Geneva, Switzerland:

First session of the Open-ended Inter-Governmental Working Group on Transnational Corporations and other Business Enterprises from 6 to 10 July 2015;

114th session of the Human Rights Committee for the review of Uzbekistan's fourth periodic on 8 and 9 July 2015; and

61st session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) on 10 July 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2012, ISI engaged in consultations on urban poverty in an event hosted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and conducted a case study for a project sponsored by the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD). In 2013, it partnered with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to draft a publication addressing the challenges faced by the Chin refugees in India. Furthermore, ISI facilitated the visit of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief in February 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ISI contributed to the MDGs by maximizing efforts to combat poverty and gender inequality through 24 research projects on indigenous peoples, domestic migrants, refugees, women, minorities and unorganized labour. Between 2012 and 2015, it launched capacity building workshops to alleviate poverty conditions in 10 slum clusters and hosted a workshop on optimizing technology through income generating activities for rural women.

7. Indigenous Information Network

Special, 2012

Introduction

Indigenous Information Network (IIN) is a regional organization dedicated to improving livelihoods and empowering indigenous populations of Kenya.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IIN seeks to promote rights, improve livelihoods, empower and build capacity of indigenous peoples and their communities on development issues through: dissemination of information on issues adversely impacting growth and development; promotion of gender equality in sustainable development; and collaboration with community-based and international institutions.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2015, IIN developed and implemented its strategic plan for the period 2015 to 2019. It also became a member of the Gender and Climate Change Working Group in 2015 and obtained observer status with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2013.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IIN took part in different fora of the United Nations including expert group and intergovernmental meetings and made substantive inputs by submitting oral and written statements and convening side events. During the period under review, representatives actively contributed to discussions on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Environment Assembly.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives participated in the 12th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in 2013; the Expert Group meeting on the sexual and reproductive health in New York from 16 to 18 January 2014; and the 30th session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) in 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In March 2014, IIN collaborated with the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to convene a workshop on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable uses of biodiversity. In the same year, it liaised with WIPO to organize a workshop on intellectual property for indigenous representatives in Kenya.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IIN contributed to the MDGs by facilitating access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation in households of Narok, Marsabit and West Pokot counties benefitting over 2,500 community members in Kenya. It also conducted advocacy and outreach on climate change and annually observed the World Environment Day.

8. Indigenous Peoples Survival Foundation

Special, 2004

Introduction

Indigenous People Survival Foundation (IPSF) is an NGO working to promote understanding between modern civil society and indigenous communities in the Hindukush region of the Himalayas.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IPSF's goal is to provide information to indigenous people in their native language about their human rights, natural resources, and United Nations' conventions that protect those rights. It utilizes indigenous knowledge and global resources to promote food security and health in the communities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IPSF disseminates information from the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) to indigenous people in their native tribal language. For example, IPSF translated the message of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights in indigenous languages and conveyed it to the Kalash and Kho tribes in the Hindukush region. It also mobilized volunteers to maintain the traditional drinking water supply from the glacier melt to indigenous communities. Between 2013 and 2015, IPSF recruited a neurosurgeon to educate the population on preventing birth defects in children, in particular neural tube defects such as hydrocephalus and spina bifida.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IPSF attended the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Written statements were presented and oral remarks were made during the 13th and 14th sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IPSF was selected by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) as the focal point to represent the indigenous youth of Asia and to collaborate on charting an indigenous food map. It also attended the "Slow Food International" youth conference in Milan, Italy in October 2015 and met with indigenous FAO focal points from various parts of the world.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Between 2012 and 2015, this organization contributed to Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the Hindukush region through the following initiatives:

MDG 1: Provided nutritional care that benefitted over 124,000 people;

MDG 4 and 5: Raised awareness on the effects of folic acid deficiency, in particular for women, and the benefits of restorative measures to prevent birth defects; and

MDG 7: Advocated for the sustainable and clean use of traditional water channels.

9. Innovation: Africa

Special, 2012

Introduction

Innovation: Africa (IA) is an Israeli non-profit organization that brings innovative solar and water technologies to remote parts of Africa. Since its establishment in 2008, it has facilitated access to water, solar power and vaccines of approximately 824,125 people in seven African countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

At the core of IA's mission is the belief that water and solar infrastructure are the pathways to making sustainable changes. In view of this, IA aims to facilitate sustainable development in Africa by channelling energy to rural communities and empowering healthcare and education in communities through tools to overcome poverty.

Significant changes in the organization

IA has made significant changes to its programming by launching new projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa and Senegal.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through its programmes, IA actively pursues the global Agenda for Development aiming to achieve universal electrification by 2030. It provides innovative sustainable development tools to communities, such as the "eco-village" projects, which combine multiple projects into a cohesive community-based venture. IA also contributes to forging partnerships by increasing its cooperation with both national and local governments.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IA regularly collaborates with the United Nations Foundation (UNF) as part of UNF's Energy Practitioner's Network and participates in their monthly conference

calls. Since 2014 it has annually attended the sessions of Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IA developed a remote monitoring mechanism in communities to ensure programmatic effectiveness in sustainable development initiatives which won an award at the Global South-South Development Expo 2013 held in Nairobi, Kenya.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millenium Development Goals

IA's water and drip irrigation projects aim to eradicate starvation and death by water-borne illness. Access to locally-driven and sanitary sources of water contributes to community resilience. IA also implements the installation of solar systems in health clinics and schools which greatly reduces the infant mortality rate and supports maternal care. Owing to solar-powered facilities, hospitals are extended round the clock access to electricity which allow refrigerators to safely conserve vaccines.

10. Institut Jules-Destrée

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Institut Jules-Destrée (IJD) is an independent non-profit NGO, founded in Belgium on 11 June 1938. Through its comprehensive continuing education services and its activities as a European inter-university research centre, it operates as a detector of change and a generator of ideas in support of concrete action to promote deliberative democracy and the public interest.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IJD has emerged both as a space for interaction to foster democratic good governance among key power structures and as a tool bringing together high-level interdisciplinary skills in the interests of development, research, capacity-building and civic engagement. It focuses on four areas of action: historical research, information sharing, strategic foresight and civic engagement.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Millennia 2015 Women Actors of Development for the Global Challenges Foundation is an international foresight research process created and implemented by IJD starting in 2008. The action plans and concrete actions of the Millennia 2025 Women and Innovation Foundation are the outcome of the Millennia 2015 foresight research process and of the Action Plan for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality, which was finalized in December 2012. The objective of the Millennia

2025 Foundation is to gather funds in order to implement the activities of the Millennia 2015 foresight research process for women's empowerment and gender equality. It has responsibility for implementing them and following up on the action plans with the organizations partnering with Millennia 2025.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IID took part in the fifty-seventh, fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Millennia 2025 Women and Innovation Foundation's Action Plan for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality, created in 2012 under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), arose as a result of the international foresight research process pursued by IID since 2008.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Millennia 2025 Women and Innovation Foundation is a concrete undertaking which seeks to generate innovation for women's empowerment and gender equality; these aims are entirely in line with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

11. Institute for Interreligious Dialogue

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Institute for Interreligious Dialogue (IID) is a non-governmental organization founded in 2000 in Iran. It is determined to safeguard freedom of religion and promotes peace and social justice through spiritual and interfaith activities with an emphasis on combating violence through dialogue.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IID's goals are to: identify commonalities and facilitate religious coexistence; encourage interfaith dialogue in communities by promoting compassion, cooperation, partnership and community service; include religious minorities, women and youth in decision making processes; reinforce religious duties; and raise awareness about different religions through unbiased media articles.

Significant changes in the organization

IID has incorporated the use of social media in its strategy to enhance information-sharing and to attract a growing numbers of online audience.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IID advocated with international organizations, media and religious leaders in Iran by disseminating calendars highlighting important observance days and emphasizing their significance. It also observed the International Day of Happiness and translated messages instrumental to wellbeing of communities to Farsi to broaden the scope of public comprehension.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IID collaborated with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) during the launch of the event nominating the Chair of the Inter-Religious Dialogue Studies in the Islamic World convened in Iran in February 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IID contributes to the MDGs by supporting local charities that educate talented and indigent students. It also took measures towards combating HIV/AIDS in cooperation with religious leaders. It further advocated with government institutions on the United Nations' observance days and development goals by heralding important issues facing humanity such as water preservation, emigration and education.

12. Institute for the Development of Education, Arts and Leisure

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Institute for the Development of Education, Arts and Leisure (IDEAL) seeks to promote a new educational system based on the principles of "education through experience" in keeping with spiritual, ecological, economic and human values.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IDEAL seeks to: (i) create a vision of humanity as one family, (ii) foster moral, social, and aesthetic values through educational programs and leisure activities, and (iii) establish prenatal education programs and birth centres worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IDEAL contributes to building knowledge of and support for the United Nations at the grassroots level. It also raises public awareness of the United Nations legislation such as the Convention on the Rights of Child.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

As an NGO associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations (DPI/NGO) and member of the Sub-Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, NGO Committee on Children's Rights and the NGO Committee on Mental Health, IDEAL regularly attends meetings of these United Nations' entities and follows thematic discussions in subjects under their purview. In 2015, it organized side events in the margins of the 53rd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSD) and the 59th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IDEAL collaborated with DPI/NGO to organize various briefings, include co-chairing an event addressing children's mental health and well-being during the World Mental Health Day function convened in New York on 13 October 2013. It also contributed to discussions on transforming the juvenile system in a DPI/NGO briefing held in New York on 14 November 2013. In 2015, it jointly collaborated with DPI/NGO on 10 December 2015 to organize a briefing on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights targeting the participation of youth.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IDEAL contributed to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by organizing a series of interactive conferences, artistic workshops and osteopathy seminars to promote prenatal and perinatal education. In September 2014, it organized the First International Conference on Pre and Perinatal Awareness in India which was attended by some 200 participants.

13. Institute of Asian Culture and Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Institute of Asian Culture and Development (IACD) is dedicated to social and economic development in Eurasia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IACD seeks to provide education and training by enabling the rapid deployment of staff to provide medical care and emergency relief in hardship locations.

Significant changes in the organization

IACD deployed experts to Syrian refugee camps located in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IACD provides humanitarian assistance and social relief work in regions recovering from disasters in the Middle East and Southeast Asia including Egypt, India, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, and Uzbekistan. This includes deploying teams to provide medical care, relief supplies and support the installation of temporary homes as well as support to primary education facilities in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Its services accounted for provision of care to over 9,000 refugees of whom 5,849 were in Jordan, 1,800 in Lebanon and 1,500 in Turkey.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2012, IACD attended and submitted statements to the 57th session of the Commission on the Status for Women (CSW) on recommendations to address violence against women and girls. In 2015, it attended the 53rd session of the Commission for Social Development (CSD) in 2015 and submitted a statement addressing education as a tool to strengthen social development.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IACD has been a major contributor to the MDGs as specified below:

MDG 1 and 3: Delivery of vocational training to 135 female refugees in Jordan; 540 women in Afghanistan; and training in language and computer skills to over 1,700 in Afghanistan.

MDGs 2: Support to primary education of 78 underprivileged youths annually in Mongolia, 30 children annually in Kyrgyzstan, 30 orphans in Afghanistan, 190 Syrian refugee children in Jordan and Lebanon and 300 Syrian refugee children in Turkey;

MDGs 4 and 6: Provision of medical care to 25,320 people including maternal and prenatal care to 428 women; deploying short-term medical teams which served over 10,495 patients of whom 3,614 were children; distributed medicinal supplies to 5,706 individuals; and provided hygiene education to 11,409 in the Lao People's Democratic Republic;

MDGs 7: Assistance to refugees in the Mongolian desert displaced due to environmental changes by furnishing equipment to implement renewable energy, technology and sustainable agricultural initiatives; construction of 23 model greenhouses; training to 500 families in planting and installation of water pipes in refugee camps located in Lebanon.

14. Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMEST) is the largest marine organisation of its kind with a worldwide membership of over 18,000 individuals from 120 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IMEST aims to promote the scientific development of marine engineering, science and technology and provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas and practices.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization has contributed to the work of the United Nations by actively attending meetings and working groups, hosting educative events and publicizing findings on issues related to scientific development. This includes following the developments of the: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United National Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC); International Maritime Organization (IMO); and the Open-Ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea, amongst others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of IMEST attended the 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th sessions of the IOC organized by UNESCO and participated in various meetings of the Marine Environment Protection Committee addressing maritime safety and presenting on effective monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions. Having obtained observer status with the IMO in 2015, it also regularly attended consultative meetings in relation to the London Convention of 1972 and London Protocol of 1996.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IMEST collaborated with UNESCO during the 45th session of its Executive Council on NGO support to the United Nations convened from 26 to 28 June 2012 and presented a publication featuring its findings on the "International Indian Ocean Experiment." It contributed to various IMO publications and distributed guidance materials on related topics to include measures to enhance technical energy efficiency in shipping, ballast water management and the application of IMO regulatory frameworks to marine autonomous systems.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IMESI supported the development agenda by leading discussions in scientific development of marine engineering, science and technology in collaboration with United Nations entities. It also regularly observes the World Maritime Day and World Hydrography Day.

15. Institute of Social Studies Trust

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST) is an NGO dedicated to economic development in India and South Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ISST adopts a multi-disciplinary approach in its research and programmes by seeking to generate social changes with a focus on improving livelihood, and the employment and wellbeing of vulnerable communities while ensuring gender sensitive considerations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ISST regularly organizes discussions on contemporary concerns and disseminates research and findings among scholars and policy makers. In 2012, it undertook a project in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to develop quality benchmarks and assessment of day care services for children. ISST was commissioned to develop a baseline for a project on enhancing accessibility of provisions for women in poor regions of India, which was supported by the United Nations Trust Fund. In 2015, ISST completed a comparative research study funded by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) on gender-egalitarian policies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ISST attended the 56th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2012. In October 2013, it attended the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Interregional Expert Group Meeting on the Social Protection Toolbox in Bangkok, Thailand. In November 2013, it partook in a meeting convened by the United Nations Women (UN Women) in New Delhi, India. ISST also presented findings on policy change for domestic workers in India during the 4th Conference on Regulating for Decent Work held in Geneva, Switzerland from 8 to 10 July 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ISST partnered with UN Women to organize a conference commemorating International Women's Day on 9 March 2012. It partnered with UNESCAP to organize a national consultation workshop on strengthening social protection convened in New Delhi, India on 4 July 2013. ISST co-hosted a national workshop with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on "Evaluations for Development with Equity and Equality" in New Delhi, India on 16-17 April 2015. It also collaborated with the International Labour Organization (ILO) on a study to examine gender wage gaps, developing participatory tools and cultivating changes in domestic working conditions.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Activities of ISST's community centre are primarily aimed at eradicating poverty and hunger, providing support to elementary schools, advocating for gender equity and improving maternal and child health through health camps and community-based programmes.